

COMPLETION OF THE SERIES CULTURE AND CIVILIZATION OF CHINA

• Mr. LIEBERMAN. Mr. President, I wish to commemorate the completion of the series, "Culture and Civilization of China," published jointly by Yale University and China International Publishing Group. Having been published since the early 1990s, the award winning series will be concluded this year with its final volume, "Chinese Silks." The series has brought together leaders from both the United States and China. Former President George H. W. Bush and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger have each head consulting committees.

I congratulate everyone who worked to make this series happen, in particular the Director of Yale University Press John Donatich, the President of China International Publishing Group Zhou Mingwei, and U.N. Under Secretary General Joseph V. Reed.

I ask that Under Secretary General Reed's remarks at a September 19, 2012, event to celebrate the completion of this series be printed in the RECORD.

The remarks follow.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR JOSEPH VERNER REED AT THE CELEBRATORY LUNCHEON FOR THE CONCLUSION OF THE CHINESE CULTURE & CIVILIZATION PUBLISHING PROJECT WITH YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS AND THE CHINESE INTERNATIONAL PUBLISHING GROUP, SEPTEMBER 19, 2012

We have come a long, long way with the great publishing project known as CCC . . . started in 1988 and completed with our final volume (our ninth) on "Silks" this autumn.

In President Levin's words—"CCC is the "Crown Jewel" of Yale University".

I have been very proud to have been associated with the Press and CIPG on this historic publishing adventure.

Our Honorary Chair President George H.W. Bush has declared:

"I have been privileged to serve as Honorary Chair for the Culture & Civilization of China project. The CCC project has had a profound impact on international relations between China and the United States in a way that no other undertaking has accomplished. The achievement of collaboration in the development of this superb series of beautiful volumes examining the cultural and artistic heritage of China will serve as a model of cooperation for the future generations committed to building an enduring bond between our two great countries".

The Chair of the Advisory Council Dr. Henry A. Kissinger has called CCC—a "seminal work".

China has recognized the effort with bestowing the highest Award—"The Special Book Awards of China" to President Levin and yours truly in the Great Hall of the People, by Madame Liu Yangdon, a member of China's Politburo and State Councilor.

CCC has published nine volumes—several having been awarded distinguished honors the volume on painting {Three Thousand Years of Chinese Painting} (1997) won The Hawkins Prize, the highest award in the publishing industry. This volume was the State Gift of the People's Republic to the United States during President Jiang Zeming's State Visit in 1997. President Jiang Zeming gave a copy of this work and the volume on Chinese Architecture to President Bush for the Bush Presidential Library in 2002.

President Hu Jintao visited Yale University in 2006 and donated a large number of

Chinese books to the University including the Culture & Civilization series. President Hu also introduced the newly published Chinese Sculpture to Yale faculty, staff and students.

The publishing effort was arduous and not without many differences and difficulties. It is a miracle that we published the volumes in such a cooperative manner. How can one forget the drama with our very first volume on "Painting"? The map of China caused great review/discussion—back and forth for weeks—the borders, the provinces, the islands. There were other "to and froes" but, in the end we have had "a splendid and cooperative result".

There are so many to salute and thank for their efforts starting with President Levin, Vice President Linda Lorimer, former Yale University Press Director John G. Ryden (the godfather of CCC), current YUP Director John Donatich and, of course, all our colleagues at CIPG led by Vice Minister Cai Mingzhao, President Zhou and the distinguished and brilliant Editor Huang Youyi.

To the donors to CCC a special vote of appreciation and admiration for their generosity.

CCC involved 435 specialists including 56 authors, 39 translators and 340 consultants. 348 Museums and research institutes from around the globe provided images, line-drawings, photographs and maps.

I thank Julianne Griffin and Taiping Chang Kneeknes and Mary Pasti and Cynthia Forbes for their signal contributions. A special salute to Charles Hill who first introduced me to the Press for work on the CCC project and to James Watt of the Metropolitan Museum for superb counsel.

All in all, CCC was a splendid effort. It has truly contributed to the mutual understanding of the People's Republic and the United States as well as having provided a platform for education for citizens from around the world.

CCC is an historic publishing project. It is a gift for future generations.

Once again, a salute and vote of thanks to one and all.●

RECOGNIZING THE HUDSON RIVER SCHOOL

• Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. President, for half a century after its formation in the 1820s, the Hudson River School was the dominant movement in American art. Its 10 celebrated painters were inspired by the scenery of the Catskills Mountains and the Hudson Valley, with its panoramic vistas and natural landscapes. These artists helped create a conservation and environmental movement whose legacy lives on today. The Hudson River School paintings helped inspire the development of the National Park Service.●

RECOGNIZING HYDRO-PHOTON, INC.

• Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, 70 percent of the earth is covered by water. Of that, 98 percent can be found in our oceans, which makes it unusable for drinking due to the salt content. Only about 2 percent of the world's water is fresh and, once polar ice caps and glaciers are subtracted, it is a very small percentage that is available for human consumption. Here in the United States we are blessed with, and rely on,

an abundance of available clean drinking water. However, even here, mechanical failures, natural disasters, and remoteness of location, can diminish the availability of this vital resource.

I rise today to recognize Hydro-Photon, located in Blue Hill, ME, a company that has identified this problem and works diligently to supply innovative, accessible solutions. By harnessing and shrinking the ultraviolet—UV—technology used by many municipal water treatment plants, Hydro-Photon founder Miles Maiden created the SteriPEN which offers the same safe, efficient water purification used by the treatment plants in a portable, personal device.

The SteriPEN, originally patented in 1999, was the first portable UV water purifier on the market. The product kills viruses, bacteria, and protozoa by emitting UV light that is absorbed by the microbes, preventing their reproduction. With this compact purifier, users are able to have safe drinking water anywhere.

A company conscious of the need to preserve and protect our natural beauty and resources seems right at home in my home State where we are blessed with serene mountains and foothills, dense untouched wilderness, and a shoreline both beautiful and bountiful. Hydro-Photon is dedicated to the preservation and enjoyment of our natural splendors and with the clean water supplied by their SteriPEN, they are making it easier and safer for all to enjoy the great outdoors not only in Maine but around the world.

Not only useful to the active outdoorsmen, the SteriPEN finds use in a vast array of situations and locations. One example is the recent hurricane Sandy that had devastating affects along the northeastern coast. Hydro-Photon recognized the necessity of clean water in such dire situations and selflessly stepped up to help, donating SteriPENS to those affected by the storm in New York and New Jersey.

For their inventiveness, dedication, and compassion for supplying an element so basic to human life, Hydro-Photon is truly a remarkable company. I am proud to extend my congratulations on their success and offer my best wishes for the future.●

TRIBUTE TO KELSEY LUCKHURST

• Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize Kelsey Luckhurst, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota over the past several months.

Kelsey is a native of Garden City, SD and a graduate of Clark High School. Currently, she is attending Northern State University, where she is pursuing degrees in history and political science. She is a very hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Kelsey for